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Serial No.:	09/376,651	Group Art Unit:	2854
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TITLE:	FEED ASSISTANCE MEMBER AND A MEDIUM PROCESSING APPARATUS		

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**AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312/**  
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated September 17, 2004, in which the Examiner allowed claims 2-38 in the above-identified application as filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.